GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

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VIOLATION OF EIA NOTIFICATION,2004
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a new notification has been issued in the year 2006 in violation of E.I.A. notification, 2004;

(b) if so, the details of the notification, issued;

(c) whether Environment Clearance Authority will give its verdict on the basis of recommendations made by State Level expert Committee;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether any such proposal to constitute such committees have been forwarded by the State Government of Rajasthan to the Union Government; and

(f) if so, the action taken by the Government on such proposals?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a)&(b) No, Sir. However, the Government has issued an Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) Notification vide S.O. No. 1533 (E) dated 14th September, 2006 superseding the earlier EIA Notification, 1994. The Notification lays down the procedure for environmental clearance of 39 developmental activities which includes screening, scoping, public consultation, appraisal and post project monitoring.

(c)&(d) The decision regarding grant or rejection of Environmental Clearance in respect of Category 'B' projects listed in the Schedule of the EIA Notification, 2006 rests with the concerned State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA) based on the recommendations of the concerned State Level Expert Appraisal Committee (SEAC).

(e)&(f) Yes, Sir. The State Government of Rajasthan has forwarded a proposal for constituting the State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA) and State Level Expert Appraisal Committee (SEAC). The Ministry has sought additional information from the State Government vide letter dated 14th August, 2007.